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THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE DARTFORD BRANCH OF THE NORTH WEST KENT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS & GROUPS

ZOOM FAMILY HISTORY DISCUSSION GROUP

Come & enjoy discussions on different aspects of Family History
10.30am start

Leader - Ann Clarke

6th
September

LIBRARY SCOTTISH INTERESTS DISCUSSION GROUP

A group for help researching Scottish Ancestors

10.30am start

Leader - Pam Goddard

6th
September

LIBRARY DNA DISCUSSION GROUP

A group for those either new to or who want to discuss particular aspects of DNA.

10.30am start

Leader - TBA

13th
September

ZOOM DNA DISCUSSION GROUP

Discussions about various topics of DNA & your family history research

10.30am start

Leader - Laura Lincoln

20th
September

ZOOM DISCUSSION GROUP

Let's talk about Family History
A members only event

2.30pm start

Leader - David Cufley

27th
September

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10.30am start

Leader - Ann Clarke

4th
October

DARTFORD TALK ON THE 7th OCTOBER

The Rise & Fall of Lullingstone Roman Villa with Rod Sheldon

Doors open 09.45

10.30am start

DARTFORD BRANCH MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE DARTFORD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE, HEATH LANE, DARTFORD ON THE 1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. DOORS OPEN AT 09.45 & MEETING COMMENCES AT 10.30.

OUR TALK TODAY, THE 2nd SEPTEMBER 2023, CONSERVING YOUR FAMILY ARCHIVE

Sue Gibbons

Sue is a Fellow of The Society of Genealogists & was Librarian there for almost 20 years. During this time she was responsible for managing a major Lottery funded project to convert the massive old card catalogue into computer form & make it available on the Internet. She is the author of several family history guides & an experienced lecturer. Sue will advise us on conserving our family archives from paper & photographs to domestic objects and digital media.

SEVENOAKS BRANCH MEETINGS ARE HELD AT OTFORD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL, HIGH STREET, OTFORD ON THE 2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. DOORS OPEN AT 10.45 & MEETING COMMENCES AT 11.00.

THE TALK ON THE 9th SEPTEMBER 2023, A HEROINE OF DUNKIRK, THE PADDLE STEAMER 'MEDWAY QUEEN'

Pam & Mark Bathurst

The Medway Queen was ordered in 1923 & entered service on the Strood-Chatham-Southend-Herne Bay route in 1924. She was requisitioned for the Royal Navy in 1939 & converted for mine-sweeping. In 1940 HMS Medway Queen joined the 10th Mine-sweeping Flotilla based in Dover where she remained an active minesweeper until late 1943 when she became an accommodation ship. In April 1944 she was recommissioned & attached to the mine-sweeping training base at Granton.

The 10th Flotilla played a key part in 'Operation Dynamo' in May-June 1940. The Medway Queen made seven return trips across the channel to bring the men home. The ship's crew estimated that they evacuated 7,000 men while shooting down three Axis aircraft.

GOOD NEWS ABOUT THE LIBRARY

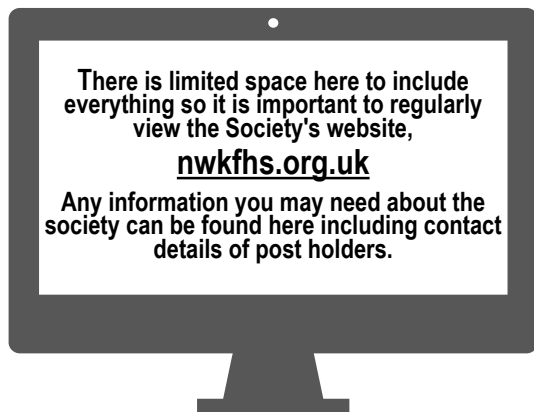
The Society membership had previously been told that on certain dates in 2023 the Library would not be open until 1pm. This has now changed & it will revert to 10am opening on the 27th September & the 22nd November. Members will still be able to use the KCC computers but the Society Room will be in use by The Society Committee.

MEETINGS

Meetings are either held at Dartford or Sevenoaks or on Zoom. They are open to all, but a donation towards the cost of the speaker is welcome from non-members.

WORKSHOPS & GROUPS

Workshops & Discussion Groups, both at the library or on Zoom, are for members only. Prior booking is essential as numbers are limited. To book a place please email: workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk



Master of Ceremonies	Janet Rose
Branch Secretary	Sheila Elisak
Branch Finance Officer	Maureen Griffiths
Logistics Manager	Lorraine King
Programme Secretary	Christine Hills
Pastoral Care	Janet Rose
Sound Technicians	Ian West, & Brian Topliffe
Light refreshments	Sandra & Bob Shepherd
Raffle	Pat Cornelius
Reception	Sheila Elisak Pauline Heathcote
Ephemera	Louise Scott
Notice board	Sylvia Hammond
Computer help desk	Allan Stapleton
Bookstall	Gillian Seager Tim Jacobs
Exchange Journals	Hilary Waters
Trips & outings	Hilary Waters
Dartboard editor	Hilary Waters
You can email the editor at: newsletters@nwkfhs.org.uk	

SOME MORE GOOD NEWS

If you visit Joydens Wood Library, or any other Kent library, you can now access the 1921 Census through Find My Past for free. It can only be accessed through a K C C computer & not laptops or other personal devices. We would love to see more members at the Library on Wednesdays so please come along & Library Assistants will help you login & get going with it.

IMPORTANT LIBRARY INFORMATION

Since May this year the Library has been plagued by issues which started with a big software upgrade. It has taken many phone calls to several different people within the K C C Library system to get back to where we were, almost, but it has had some important security repercussions.

When logging into a K C C computer you will now have to complete a form which will be audited annually by K C C. It includes your time logging in & out & most importantly your MEMBERSHIP NUMBER. When arriving at the library please see myself or a Library Assistant who will give you a form & explain it. You MUST hand it back at the end of your computer session.

Please also note that the prices of printing has also changed but if you bring a memory stick you can download the pages you want instead.

ENEWS

Enews is a twice monthly newsletter that both Society members & non-members can subscribe to. It contains latest information regarding Society events etc but is most useful as a means of communications for short notice changes to these events. For example it is not unheard of for our Dartford meetings to be cancelled at short notice due to bad weather or issues with the college & the news could prevent unnecessary journeys.

If you have & use a computer I recommend you sign up & subscribe by emailing enews@nwkfhs.org.uk. To put your mind at ease the Society follows all GDPR procedures & will not use your personal details for any non-society business.

ALAN GODFREY MAPS (www.alangodfreymaps.co.uk) - LATEST INFORMATION

Alan Godfrey Maps are best known for their reproduction of old 1" to 1 mile Ordnance Survey paper maps aimed at local & family historians. Two new maps have recently been published involving our area here in N W Kent:

Map No. 9.07 Dartford (East) & Stone (West) & dated 1907

Map No. 9.11 Darenth & dated 1907

Also recently produced are 2 for Surrey:

Map No. 18.15 Leatherhead & dated 1912

Map No. 23.16 Guildford & dated 1913

In addition to the 1" to 1 mile maps of England, Wales & Scotland there are also some for Ireland, both Northern Ireland & The Republic.

If you are interested in World War 2 they have currently published 3 of The Bigot Plans, prepared for the Allied Invasion of 1944 & never before reprinted. Their maps are available from a variety of shops, some libraries or online through their website where further details of all their publications are available. The maps are small, light & folded so are very handy for slipping in a pocket or bag.